

# PROTECTION OF PERSON AND PROPERTY (IRELAND) ACT, 1881.

## COPY of REGULATIONS made by the LORD LIEUTENANT under the Provisions of the ACT for the BETTER PROTECTION OF PERSON AND PROPERTY in IRELAND.

REGULATIONS made by the Lord Lieutenant in pursuance of Section One of the above-mentioned Act for the Treatment, Management, and Maintenance, while in Custody, of Persons Arrested and Committed to Prison under His Excellency's Warrant, under the authority of the said Act.

THE following Special Rules with respect to Prisoners awaiting Trial in Local Prisons (Ireland), as herein modified, shall apply to Persons Arrested and Committed to Prison under His Excellency's Warrant under the authority of the said Act:—

### I.

#### I.—*Admission, Discharge, and Removal.*

Such prisoner shall be required to take a bath on reception, if the governor shall decide that it is necessary, or the surgeon shall state that it is for medical reasons advisable.

Such prisoners while attending chapel and at other times shall, if possible, be placed so that they may not be in view of the convicted prisoners.

Any money in the hands of the governor belonging to any such prisoner may be applied to the purpose of making special provision for him in cases where the prisoner is, by the rules and regulations, required to make any payment in respect of such special provision.

#### II.—*Food, Clothing, and Bedding.*

Any such prisoner who prefers to provide his own food for any meal shall give notice thereof beforehand, but the governor shall not permit any such prisoner to receive any prison allowance of food for the meal for which he procures or receives food at his own expense.

Articles of food shall be received only at such hours as may be laid down from time to time. They shall be inspected by the officers of the prison, and shall be subject to such restrictions as may be necessary to prevent waste.

Any such prisoner shall not during the 24 hours receive or purchase more than one pint of beer, cider, or other fermented liquor, or (if an adult) half a pint (5 oz.) of wine.

No such prisoner shall be allowed to sell any article whatsoever allowed to be introduced for his use to any other person.

#### III.—*Personal Cleanliness.*

Such prisoner shall not be compelled either to have his hair cut or (if he usually wears his beard, &c.) to shave, except on account of vermin or dirt, or when the surgeon deems it necessary on the ground of health and cleanliness, and the hair of such prisoner shall not be cut closer than may be necessary for the purpose of health and cleanliness.

The beds of such prisoners shall be made, and the rooms and yards in their occupation shall be swept and cleaned, every morning. The furniture and utensils appropriated to their use shall be kept clean and neatly arranged. Should any such prisoner object to perform any of these duties, they may be performed for him as hereinafter provided.

#### IV.—*Health of Prisoners.*

If any such prisoner who is out of health shall desire the attendance of his usual medical man, the governor of the gaol may, if he is satisfied that the application is bona fide, permit

permits him to be visited by such medical man at his own expense, and to be supplied with medicine by him, proper precautions being in all cases observed to prevent abuse of these privileges.

#### V.—*Instruction.*

Such prisoner may be permitted to have supplied to him, at his own expense, such books, newspapers, or other means of occupation, other than those furnished by the prison, as are not, in the opinion of the governor, of an objectionable kind.

#### VI.—*Visits to and Communication with Prisoners.*

So far as prison arrangements may admit, facilities shall be given to such prisoners to work and follow their respective trades and employments, or any ordinary prison employment selected by them, and all earnings of such prisoner shall belong to such prisoner, after payment thereout for use of implements lent to him of such sum as the General Prisons Board may determine.

Each such prisoner shall be permitted to be visited by one person, or (if circumstances permit) by two persons at the same time, for a quarter of an hour on any week-day, during such hours as may from time to time be appointed.

The governor may, by permission in any special case for special reasons, prolong the period of the visit allowed to any such prisoner, or allow him to be visited by more than two persons at the same time.

Every endeavour shall be made to provide that such prisoners shall not, when being visited, be exposed to the view of the friends of other prisoners; and to prevent the friends of one prisoner from coming in contact with the friends of another while in the prison.

Such prisoner shall at his request be allowed to see his legal adviser (by which it is to be understood a certificated solicitor or his clerk, if such clerk is furnished by his principal with written authority, on any week-day at any reasonable hour, and, if required, in private (but, if necessary, in the view of an officer of the prison)).

Paper and all other writing materials to such extent as may appear reasonable to the governor shall be furnished to any such prisoner who requires to be so supplied for the purposes of communicating with friends. Any confidential written communication prepared as instructions for a solicitor may be delivered personally to him or his authorised clerk, without being previously examined by any officer of the prison; but all other written communications are to be considered as letters, and are not to be sent out of the prison without being previously inspected by the governor.

#### VII.—*Treatment in Hospital.*

Prisoners shall be treated in hospital, as far as possible, in a ward and exercised apart from the convicted and other prisoners.

#### VIII.—*Misconduct of Prisoners.*

All misconduct on the part of a prisoner shall be forthwith reported in writing to the governor or to the General Prisons Board, who respectively may inflict punishment therefor as hereinafter provided.

#### IX.—*Diet.*

Breakfast for every day in the week :—12 ozs. bread and one pint of coffee, made from  $\frac{1}{2}$  oz. of coffee,  $\frac{1}{2}$  oz. of chicory, 1 oz. of molasses, and  $\frac{1}{2}$  pint of milk, or, at the choice of the prisoner, 6 ozs. of oatmeal in stirabout, and 1 pint of milk.

Dinner for four days in the week :—2 lbs. potatoes, 9 $\frac{1}{2}$  ozs. of beef, and one pint of soup, with 1 oz. of vegetables, and 1 oz. oatmeal.

Dinner for two days :—Wednesday and Friday :—12 ozs. bread and 1 pint coffee.

Dinner for one day :—12 ozs. bread and  $\frac{1}{2}$  pint of milk.

Supper for every day in the week :—12 ozs. bread and 1 pint of tea, or cocoa.

This dietary may, however, be changed with the approval of the medical officer.

#### X.—*Daily Routine.*

Rise in the morning at half-past six o'clock in the summer, and at seven o'clock during the winter portion of the year.

Breakfast from eight to nine o'clock.

Out for exercise four hours daily; two hours before dinner and two hours after dinner. A prisoner, however, is not bound to take more exercise than he wishes.

Dinner from one to two o'clock.

Supper from half-past five to six o'clock.

To bed at half-past eight p.m. all the year round, except specially exempt by General Prisons Board.

Divine

Divine Service in chapel on Sundays and religious holidays.

The General Prisons Board may also permit the governor to modify the routine in regard to any prisoner so far as to dispense with any practice which, in the opinion of the governor, is clearly unnecessary in regard to that particular prisoner.

#### *XL.—Association.*

Prisoners may be in association during exercise, and for any further period not exceeding six hours each day, subject to such regulations as the General Prisons Board, with the approval of the Lord Lieutenant, may from time to time make.

#### *XII.—Tobacco.*

Prisoners who supply themselves with tobacco, or who are supplied by their friends, or who are supplied by the gaol or prison authorities under the direction of the medical officer, may smoke at any time during exercise in the open air.

#### *XIII.—Books and Papers.*

Books and papers which are private property, and have been approved by the chaplain, may be lent by one prisoner to another, permission being first obtained from the governor, but the gaol authorities will not be responsible for any loss of or injury done to books thus lent. Books which have been so approved may be obtained for or lent to prisoners by persons outside the gaol. No books shall be sent out of the gaol until after examination by the gaol authorities.

#### *XIV.—Letters.*

Prisoners may write and receive letters without restriction as to number; but all letters to and from prisoners shall be inspected by the governor, and if not approved of by such governor, shall be detained, and the prisoner informed of the reasons thereof, and if the prisoner shall so require, a report shall forthwith be made to the Chief or Under Secretary of such detention, with the reasons therefor.

#### *XV.—Cells.*

Every prisoner shall have a suitable room or cell fitted and furnished with suitable bedding and such articles as are suitable to his ordinary habits in addition to or different from those furnished for ordinary cells, and to have, at his own cost, the use of private furniture and utensils, to be approved by the governor.

#### *XVI.—Prisoners not to clean Cells or Yards.*

No prisoner shall be compelled to wash, whitewash, or sweep his cell, or sweep any yard, and shall have, on payment of a small sum fixed by the General Prisons Board, the assistance of some person to be appointed by the governor, relieving him from the performance of any unaccustomed tasks or offices.

#### *XVII.—Clothes Washing and Repairs.*

Every prisoner may retain his own clothes, provided that they are sufficient and fit for use. Such clothes shall also be washed and repaired free of charge. If dressed in prison dress, such dress shall be different from that of convicted prisoners.

#### *XVIII.—Punishments.*

For breach of any of the foregoing Orders and Regulations, any prisoner may be punished by the Governor in any one or more of the following ways, namely, by stoppage of exercise, of association, of visits, and of letters save on business, or by the following reduced diet for a week or lesser period, namely:—

Breakfast each day:—12 ozs. bread and one pint coffee.

Dinner for two days:—12 ozs. bread and 1 quart of soup, made  $\frac{1}{2}$  ox-head, 1 oz. vegetables, and 1 oz. oatmeal.

Dinner for two days:—12 ozs. bread and 1 pint coffee.

Dinner for two days:—8 ozs. bread, 1 lb. potatoes, and 1 quart of soup.

Dinner for one day:—12 ozs. bread and  $\frac{1}{2}$  pint of milk.

Supper for each day:—8 ozs. bread and one pint of cocoa, made from  $\frac{1}{2}$  oz. cocoa,  $\frac{1}{2}$  oz. molasses, and  $\frac{1}{2}$  pint of milk.

Or, in exceptional cases of serious misconduct, by such further punishment as the General Prisons Board, after examination on oath, are empowered by statute to inflict.

## II.

These Regulations shall be read to and explained for each prisoner on reception by the governor of the gaol.

Made by his Excellency at Dublin Castle, this 5th day of March 1881.

(signed) W. E. FORSTER,  
Chief Secretary.

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